

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

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Christopher Douthit,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
KILOLO KIJAKAZI, Acting Commissioner of  
Social Security,  
Defendant.

2:23-cv-01287-VCF

## ORDER

[Motion/Application for Leave to Proceed in  
forma pauperis (ECF No.1)]

Before the court is Plaintiff Christopher Douthit's Motion/Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* (ECF No. 1).

## **I. In Forma Pauperis Application**

Plaintiff challenges the Social Security Administration's denial of Social Security Disability Insurance benefits.

Plaintiff asserts in his application to proceed *in forma pauperis* that he makes \$1250 monthly. *Id.*

Accordingly, Plaintiff's request to proceed *in forma pauperis* is granted pursuant to § 1915(a).

Effective December 1, 2022, the Federal Rules of Civil Practice were amended to add Supplemental Rules for Social Security Actions under 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) except to the extent that they are inconsistent with the Supplemental SSA Rules. The highlights of the new Supplemental Rules are as follows:

- Outlines specific information that must be included in the complaint;
- Eliminates the need for service under Fed. R. Civ. P. 4, and provides for electronic

1 service on the Commissioner of Social Security by Notice of Electronic Filing sent  
2 to the SSA's Office of General Counsel and the United States Attorney's Office for  
3 the district where the action is filed;

4 • Provides that the administrative record may serve as the answer to the complaint and  
5 must be filed within 60 days of the receipt of notice of the action; and  
6 • Provides a briefing schedule for the plaintiff's brief (30 days after answer),  
7 Commissioner's brief (30 days after plaintiff's brief) and plaintiff's reply brief (14  
8 days after Commissioner's brief).

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10 Accordingly,

11 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff's Application for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis  
12 (ECF No. 1) is GRANTED.

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff's Complaint (ECF Nos. 1-1) will proceed against  
14 Defendant.

15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff shall familiarize himself with the Supplemental Rules  
16 for Social Security Actions Under 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) found in the Federal Civil Judicial Procedure and  
17 Rules 2022 Revised Edition. As stated above, these Rules pertain to service (Rule 3), the answer, motions  
18 and timing (Rule 4), and the motion, response and reply brief (Rules 6 through 8).

19 DATED this 18th day of August 2023.

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21 CAM FERENBACH  
22 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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